Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph that begins on Page 22, lines 10 - 20 with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

-- Upon receiving the message sent from the local trust proxy at Block 450, the remote trust proxy applies what is referred to herein as "credential mapping", whereby the identifying information in the message is mapped to a locally-managed identity (Block 460). Suppose, for example, that while Sally is authenticated to the local security domain using the user ID "sally@cedar.net" and corresponding password "federate", her user ID and password as an employee of SFS are "spjenkins@sfs.com" and "investments-R-Us". Accordingly, the processing at Block 460 comprises determining that the authentication assertion received from the local trust proxy is, in fact, an authentication of this same user. This credential mapping operation is shown as activity 507 in Fig. 5. (Trust proxy 231 may invoke a separate service within remote security domain 200 when ~~preforming~~ performing this credential mapping, without deviating from the scope of the present invention, although this has not been shown in Fig. 5.) --